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In re application of

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Application No. 10/713,680

Filed: November 14, 2003

For:

NAIL POLISHING STAND AND STORAGE

CABINET

**DECISION ON PETITION** TO MAKE SPECIAL (ACCELERATED **EXAMINATION**)

This is in response to the petition filed on December 22, 2003 to make the aboveidentified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII. The delay in deciding this petition is regrettable.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a preexamination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

## The petition is **DISMISSED**

The petition fails to meet requirement (E) above. The petition itself does not make it clear how the claimed invention is patentable over the cited references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Applicant is required to provide a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over each of the most closely related references. Applicant has not specifically indicated the claim language that distinguishes the invention over the cited prior art.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special DISMISSED.

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